

What's New in 2007?

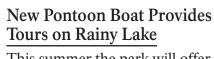
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Whether you are a local resident, first-time park visitor, or returning fan of Voyageurs National Park, we have something new and exciting to offer you this year.

Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center Remodel Complete

Get an inside look at a beaver lodge, spy on a nesting bald eagle, peer into the watery world beneath the surface of the lake, and discover some of the many ways that you can see and explore Voyageurs National Park. Where? At the newly remodeled Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center! The park received a generous grant from the National Park Service fee program to upgrade and improve the exhibits. Come check it out, and tell us

what you think.



This summer the park will offer guided tours on Rainy Lake aboard the 15 passenger Borealis pontoon boat. This boat is an exact replica of the popular Otter pontoon boat that departs regularly from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center. See pages 6 & 7 for complete program descriptions and schedules.



Join a park guide for a boat tour and hike on the Kabetogama Peninsula. The Black Bay Adventure Tour departs from Rainy Lake for a short cruise across the bay, followed by a hike on the peninsula to an active beaver pond. The Lost Bay Adventure Tour departs from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center for a cruise past rocky islands to a remote trailhead leading the Agnes Lake. See pages 6 & 7 for more info.

Group Campsites Available for Reservation

Visiting with a group of 14 to 30 people? You may be interested in reserving one of the park's two new boatin group campsites. For only \$35 per day, these well-



appointed campsites may be reserved by calling 1-877-444-6777 or by visiting www.recreation.gov. Stop by a park visitor center for more information.

Protecting the Park's Natural Diversity

Spiny waterfleas, rusty crayfish, purple loosestrife and the emerald ash borer...what do these species have in common? They are each exotic pests that are capable of impacting the health and diversity of the park's

forests, wetlands, and aquatic environments. Park staff, student conservation interns, and watercraft inspectors from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will be at boat launch ramps throughout the summer to share information about protecting natural diversity by preventing the introduction and spread of invasive pests. See pages 3 and 10 for more info.

New Junior Ranger Booklets Completed

Stop by a park visitor center this year to pick up a free copy of the new Junior Ranger booklets. Kids from 6 to 8 years old can become members of the Junior Ranger Wolf Club. Kids ages 9 and up can join the Junior Ranger Bear Club.



Purple Loosestrife has invaded wetlands displacing native plants in some areas.

